

REPORT FROM: CHIEF EXECUTIVE
TO: WEST CRAVEN COMMITTEE
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ENVIRONMENTAL BLIGHT

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To report any new environmental blight sites and provide updates on existing sites.

RECOMMENDATION

(1) That members note the report.

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION

To deal with environmental blight in the area.

ISSUE

1. The definition of environmental blight is:
 - Untidy/derelect piece of Council land requiring tidying up.
 - Untidy/derelect piece of unregistered land requiring tidying up.
 - Untidy/derelect piece of **Council-owned or unregistered land** which needs a scheme to regenerate the site (eg a former garage colony converted to a landscaped parking area).

Private pieces of land requiring tidying are best not dealt with under environmental blight as they may require enforcement. These should be reported to Planning and Building Control to be included on the Problem Buildings list for Section 215 enforcement if the problem is persistent.
2. Any new sites should be reported to Tricia Wilson (tricia.wilson@pendle.gov.uk) including a contact name and contact details, exact location and a brief description of the site and the problem.
3. Plans and photographs of the sites will only be included for new sites unless clarification is needed.

4. Please see table below for progress made on West Craven environmental blight sites.

Site	Owner	Issue	Area Committee Resolution	Current Position
a) Dam Head Road Garage Site	Pendle Council	At the October 2019 meeting, members reported that there was regular fly-tipping at this site	Members asked that the site be tidied and then monitored	Environmental Services continues to monitor the site with regular inspections and clearance when necessary
b) West Close Road Lorry Park	Pendle Council	Site added to Environmental Blight list for monitoring purposes – January 2020	At the June 2022 meeting it was reported that incidences of fly-tipping outside the HWRC continued	Environmental Services continues to monitor the site with regular inspections and clearance when necessary LCC agreed to contribute £12,000 and the P&R Committee resolved to contribute £12,000 from central funds to resurface West Close Road Lorry Park Resurfacing of the car park was completed at the beginning of February 2023

IMPLICATIONS

Policy: None arising directly from the report.

Financial: No new financial implications arise from the recommendations in this report. There is no budget allocation specifically for environmental blight sites and therefore any financial implication needs to be met from existing resources.

Legal: None arising directly from the report.

Risk Management: None arising directly from the report.

Health and Safety: These issues will be considered when the schemes are progressed.

Sustainability: This will be considered for each individual scheme. Long-term maintenance may be an issue.

Community Safety: This will be considered for each individual scheme.

Equality and Diversity: This will be considered for each individual scheme.

APPENDICES

None.

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

None.